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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 5.

IT is hereby notified that ARTILLERY PRACTICE will be carried out on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 14th and 15th instant, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M., from a knoll 100 yards west of Pokefulam Road and about ¾ of a mile on the Victoria side of that village.

Particulars as follows:—
Direction ... Sandy Bay.
Range ... 800 to 1,500 yards.
Nature of gun ... 7 p. R.M.L.
No. of rounds ... 66.
Targets ... 2 Standing Barrel Targets and 2 Hongkong Targets towed by a launch.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 8th January, 1898. [169

NOTICE.

DURING the Temporary Absence of Dr. NOBLE,
F. H. ROWERS, D.D.S.,
will carry on the BUSINESS of Doctor NOBLE & Co., DENTAL SURGEONS,
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [170

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

A SCOTCH CONCERT will be given at 9.15 P.M. on 25th January in ST. GEORGE'S HALL to Commemorate the Anniversary of the Birth of ROBERT BURNS.
Seats may be booked at the ROBINSON PIANO Co.
Further Particulars in future Advertisements.

DAVID WOOD,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [171

THE LABUK PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of Section 130 of the Companies Ordinance, 1865, that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above-named COMPANY will be held at No. 4, PRAYA CENTRAL on MONDAY, the 17th instant, at NOON, for the purpose of having an account laid before them by the Liquidators shewing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and the Property of the Company disposed of and of hearing any Explanation that may be given by the Liquidators and of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the Books, Accounts, and Documents of the Company and of the Liquidators thereof shall be disposed of.

A. W. WALKINSHAW,
JAMES H. COX,
Liquidators.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [172

THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby that the SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the General Managers, No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, on MONDAY, the 17th January, 1898, at 3 o'clock in the AFTERNOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of accounts to the 31st December, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 17th Jan., both days inclusive.

MEYER & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [173

KELLY & WALSH,
LIMITED.

The Story of the British Army, by Lieut. Col. C. Cooper King, Plans & Illus.	$ 3.00
Kaye and Malleson's Indian Mutiny, New and Cheaper Ed. vols. 4, 5, 6 each	2.50
Alfred Lord Tennyson, a Memoir, by His Son, 2 vols.	22.00
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Mahan's Life of Nelson, the Embodiment of the Sea Power of Great Britain, 2 vols.	21.50
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Captains Courageous, by Rudyard Kipling	4.00
The Beth Book, by Sarah Grand	4.00
The Christian, by Hall Caine	4.00
The Captive of Peking, by Chas. Hannan	4.00
Handley Cross, or, Mr. Jorrocks' Hunt; Cheap Ed., Leech's Illus., 2 vols.	1.40
Diseases of Dogs and their Treatment, by H. Dalziel	0.70
Garrison Standing Orders	1.50

DIARIES AND DATE BLOCKS, 1898.
KELLY & WALSH, LTD. [25

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.
THE Steamship
"IRENE,"
Captain R. Schuder, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 11th inst., at NOON.
This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1898. [166

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.
THE Steamship
"IRENE,"
Captain R. Schuder, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to also immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-DAY.
Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1898. [167

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAMSUI.
THE Company's Steamship
"HAIMUN,"
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 12th inst., at DAYLIGHT.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1898. [168

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND NAGASAKI.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
THE Company's Steamship
"HOHENZOLLERN,"
Captain H. Bleeker, will leave for the above ports on or about THURSDAY, the 13th inst.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [7

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship
"PREUSSEN,"
Captain P. Wettin, due here with the outward German Mail about the 13th inst., will leave for the above place about SATURDAY, the 15th inst.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [7

VICTORIA ENGLISH BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOLS.

CRAIGENGOWER, CAINE ROAD.
THESE Old Established Schools will be RE-OPENED for the New Term TO-DAY (MONDAY), 10th January.
For Prospectus, and other information apply at the Schools.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1898. [160

WANTED.

CAPABLE CORRESPONDENT and BOOK-KEEPER wanted.
ROBINSON PIANO CO.
Hongkong, 18th December, 1897. [60

WANTED.

BY A GERMAN LADY, who has passed Examinations in a knowledge of English and French in Germany, a position as GOVERNESS.
Address,
"B."
Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [122

WANTED.

AN OFFICE ASSISTANT, British. Must be well up in SHIPPING WORK, and capable of taking charge of department.
Apply, giving references, &c., to
"S. S. G.,"
Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [147

W. BREWER & CO.

NEW BOOKS AND NEW EDITIONS.

Cassell's Family Magazine, new Volume	$ 5.50
Navy and Army, Volume 4	7.75
Historic Ornament, by J. Ward	5.00
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Windsor Magazine, Christmas No., with complete tale by Grant Allen	0.70

WHITAKER'S ALMANACK VERY SHORTLY.
QUEEN'S ROAD, Under HONGKONG HOTEL. [26

CUTLER, PALMER & CO.'S
PRICE $10.75 PER DOZEN
NET
"SPECIAL BLEND" WHISKY.
A Blend of Selected Distillations of the Finest Scotch Whiskies.
Apply to
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WINE SHIPPERS SINCE 1815,
Who have consigned their Brands to Hongkong for over half a century.
Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,
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SQUARE BOTTLE WHISKY.
The sale of this good Scotch increases month by month; it is of Superb Quality and of CUTLER, PALMER & CO.'S SELECTION.
Sole Agents for it—
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
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THE
EQUITABLE
LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 1st, 1897.

ASSETS	£ 45,161,239
RESERVE FUND (4% Standard) AND ALL OTHER LIABILITIES	36,145,160
SURPLUS 4%	9,016,078
OUTSTANDING ASSURANCE	190,646,264
NEW ASSURANCE WRITTEN, 1896	26,602,934

Life Assurance is now within every man's reach at a cost which, in the result, if no claim arises, is either nominal, or according to the class of policy, yields a return equal to the best of safe investments.
For full explanation and illustrations send date of birth to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents,
a307] HONGKONG.

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
TO-MORROW
(TUESDAY), the 11th January, 1898,
at 2.30 P.M.,
at his New Sales Rooms, No. 8A, Queen's Road Central,
TWEED, SERGE, FLANNEL and FLANNELETTE in Suit Lengths.
LADIES' DRESS MATERIALS.
TENNIS and FLANNEL SHIRTS.
WOOLLEN SINGLETS and LADIES' VESTS.
GENT'S and LADIES' SOCKS, STOCKINGS, SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, &c.
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FELT HATS, UMBRELLAS.
WHITE BLANKETS.
Pieces of WHITE and COLOURED FLANNELS and TAPESTRY.
TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [130

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY Situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong.
Being Nos. 25 and 27, WING LOK STREET,
To be Sold in ONE LOT by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
FRIDAY, the 14th day of January, 1898,
at 3 o'clock P.M.,
on the Premises
By Messrs. HUGHES and HOUGH, Auctioneers,
By Order of the Mortgagee.
The following are the Particulars and Description of the Property.
All that piece or parcel of ground registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 1,199 with the Buildings thereon known as Nos. 25 and 27, WING LOK STREET and held for the residue of the term of 999 years.
Annual Crown Rent $32.
Area 1,709 square feet or thereabouts.
For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to
MOUNSEY & BRUTTON,
Solicitors for the Vendor,
51 and 53, Queen's Road Central,
or to
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1898. [162

JOHN WALKER & SONS'
FAMOUS
KILMARNOCK WHISKY.
This World-renowned
Fine OLD HIGHLAND WHISKY is shipped by CUTLER, PALMER & Co., and is obtainable in Hongkong of
G. C. ANDERSON,
No. 13, Praya Central.
Hongkong, 26th July, 1897. [a38

BANKS.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.
Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.
For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [14

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... $10,000,000
RESERVE FUND ... $ 7,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROP'TORS $10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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HON. J. J. BELL-IRVING—Deputy Chairman.
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On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent. per Annum on the daily balance.
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For 3 months, 2½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 6 months, 3½ per Cent. per Annum.
For 12 months, 4 per Cent. per Annum.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 9th November, 1897. [13

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £1,000,000.
PAID UP CAPITAL ... £ 324,374

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
D. GILLIES, Esq. | CHAN KIT SHAN, Esq.
J. T. LAUTS, Esq. | CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq.
KWAN HOI CHUEN, Esq.
Chief Manager.
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 Months Fixed ... 5 %
Hongkong, 1st December, 1897. [15

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED ... £1,125,000
PAID UP ... £ 562,500
RESERVE FUND ... £ 10,000
BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 months ... 4 %
" 6 " ... 3½%
" 3 " ... 2½%
J. THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 27th October, 1897. [19

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP ... £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ... £800,000
RESERVE FUND ... £575,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months ... 4 per cent.
" " " 6 " ... 3½ "
" " " 3 " ... 2½ "
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 3rd June, 1897. [17

XERES VERMOUTH

FRENCH VERMOUTH is generally made from WHITE WINE, but recently Messrs. COBENTZER & Co. erected a plant at enormous cost for the preparation of VERMOUTH from PURE XERES SHERRY. The result is a great success and will appeal to all lovers of this delicious drink, for not only is it much superior in quality to the ordinary VERMOUTH, but it is the correct combination of a BAMBOO.
Owing to our being SOLE AGENTS we can offer it at the low price of
$11.00 PER DOZ. LITRE BOTTLE.
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a32] No. 12, Queen's Road Central.

THE
VICTORIA DISPENSARY
Have Just Received a Fresh Consignment of
B. MURATTI'S CIGARETTES,
EGYPTIAN, FUMEE D'OR, ZINNIA,
ARISTON, AND NEB-KA.
Also a Fresh Supply
NESTOR GIANACLI'S CIGARETTES.
LAMBERT & BUTLER'S MAY BLOSSOM TOBACCO in ¼ lb. tin.
WILL'S CAPSTAN NAVY CUT, Three Strengths.
WILL'S THREE CASTLE CIGARETTES.
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 22nd October, 1897. [a28

CLARET, CLARET, CLARET.
CAMPAGNON FRERES & CO., BORDEAUX.

	1 doz. Bottles.	2 doz. Bottles.
ST. GEORGE'S	$ 3.25	$ —
CRU WYNBRON	3.75	4.75
ST. ESTEPHE	$ 4.50	$5.50
ST. EMILION	4.50	5.50
ST. JULIEN MEDOC	5.50	6.50
CHATEAU MARGAUX	$ 6.00	$7.00
HAUTSAUTERNES	$ 5.00	—

SOLE AGENT, G. GIRAULT.
a41] No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

This AUSTRALIAN BUTTER is without doubt the finest ever imported to Hongkong.
"ROSEBUD" CREAMERY BUTTER.
Specially selected and quality guaranteed.
We have now made special arrangements for regular shipments throughout the year.
PRICE per 1 lb. tins ... $0.80
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SOLE AGENTS. [a27

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JUST ARRIVED.
CADBURY'S SPECIAL CHOCOLATE CREMES.
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CADBURY'S PLAIN CHOCOLATES.
CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE ALMONDS.
BUTTER ALMOND ROCK, RUSSIAN TOFFEE, and TURKISH DELIGHT. [a33

COTTAM & CO.
NEW STOCK OF
CARDIGAN VESTS & JACKETS, WOOL SHIRTS & PANTS.
&c., &c., &c. [a3

PARRITCH FOR MUSCLE, WHISKY FOR PLUCK!

WATSON'S DUNDEE WHISKY,
BEST ON EARTH.
WATKINS & CO., AGENTS.
TO MAK' YE DANCE SAE LIGHT AN' FRISKY.
JUST SAMPLE WATSON'S DUNDEE WHISKY.

CHAMPAGNES.
ESTD. 1864.
POMMERY & GRENO.
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SOLE AGENTS for above BRANDS in Hongkong and China.
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Have been Shippers to CHINA for nearly 75 years. Their Brands are favorably known all over the World.

A1 QUALITY COGNAC,
Distinguished by 4 STARS on the label.
Price $22.50 per 1 dozen bottles.

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Somewhat younger than the above.
Distinguished by 2 STARS on the label.
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Eleven years old, very fine quality. Each bottle bears an analyst's certificate.
The quality is guaranteed.
Price $20.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

C. P. & CO.'S OWN SPECIAL BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY,
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CHAMPAGNE BRUT.
A Natural, *i.e.*, a Brut, Sparkling Wine, of the Vintage 1889; particularly suitable to the debilitated. The price is but $28.50 per one doz. quart bottles.

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This Wine is old, soft, and delicate.
We strongly recommend it.
Analysed and Certificated by Professor Cassall.
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This is a fine quality Wine of exceptionally good value.
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The Earl Mias's shipping.
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Price $16.75 per 1 dozen bottles.
Pure and natural Wine; a tonic.

CLARETS
in Quarts and Pints.

LIQUEUR
BENEDICTINE, D.O.M.
Price $33.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

Agents—SIEMSSEN & Co., HONGKONG. 36

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

THE FIRST CONCERT of the Season will be held at the THEATRE ROYAL, City Hall, on
SATURDAY, the 15th January, 1898,
at 8.30 P.M.
MEMBERS who have not received Tickets for this Season can obtain the same on Application to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. WRIGHT, or the Undersigned.
J. F. A. HASTINGS, R.N.,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [143

FOUND, at SHAMEEN, Canton, A SMOOTH BROWN HAIRED HOUND, probably come up from Hongkong.
Apply to
"S. E. C."
Customs, Canton.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [142

EWO COTTON SPINNING & WEAVING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th January, 1898, to the 15th January, 1898, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th December, 1897. [2953

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [123

NOTICE.

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Please apply to
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Care of Office of this Paper.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [124

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A FIRST CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus.
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COOL SOUTHERLY BREEZES in summer, with perfect protection against the North East winds in winter.
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GEO. J. CASANOVA,
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City Office, No. 7, Duddell Street.
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SHAMEEN, CANTON.
GOOD ACCOMMODATION, Excellent CUISINE.
Every CONVENIENCE for TOURISTS.
MADAR & FARMER, Proprietors. | T. F. da CRUZ, Manager.
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Canton, 10th December 1897. [2810

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MACAO is distant 40 miles West of Hongkong and the journey is made each day (SUNDAYS excepted) by the Magnificent Saloon Steamer "HEUNGSHAN" in 3 hours, leaving Hongkong at 2 P.M., and Macao at 8 A.M.
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For Terms, apply
MANAGER.
Telegraphic Address, "Boavista." [144

HING KEE'S HOTEL,
MACAO.
A NEW 5 storey building specially built for the above establishment in the centre of PRAYA GRANDE is in completion and ready to accommodate guests.
L. HING KEE,
Proprietor.
Telegraphic address "HING KEE." [114

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Jan. 7, SABINE, Bickmers, German str., 598, Sanders, Amoy 6th January, Ballast.—AENHOLD, KAMBERG & Co.
Jan. 8, TAMARIND, Norwegian str., 739, Danchovig, Bangkok 31st December, Rice.—CHINESE.
Jan. 8, APENRADE, German str., 611, H. Iplund, Canton 8th January, Ballast.—JEBSEN & Co.
Jan. 8, KWANGLEE, Chinese steamer, 1,505, E. Lincoln, Canton 8th January, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Jan. 8, KASHING, British steamer, 1,158, F. Hopkins, Canton 8th January, Ballast.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Jan. 8, HONGKONG, French str., 738, Bastian, Haiphong 5th Jan., and Hoihow 7th, Rice and General.—A. R. MARTY.
Jan. 8, JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 623, H. Schlaikier, Haiphong 4th Jan., and Hoihow 7th, Rice.—JEBSEN & Co.
Jan. 9, BENLARIG, British str., 1,453, Wallace, London and Singapore 1st Jan., General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Jan. 9, CHIHLI, British str., 1,048, F. Newcomb, Shanghai 6th Jan., General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Jan. 9, DELL, German str., 3,290, E. Christiansen, Moji 4th Jan., General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.
Jan. 9, HAIMUN, British str., 636, H. Bathurst, Tamsui via Amoy 7th Jan., General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Jan. 9, HOIHOW, British steamer, 896, Smale, Chinkiang 5th Jan., Groundnuts.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Jan. 9, HONG LEONG, British str., 1,171, A. Fripp, Penang and Singapore 1st Jan., General.—CHINESE.
Jan. 9, JACOB CHRISTENSEN, Norw. str., 1,08, Hansen, Kutchinotzu 4th Jan., Coals.—WIELER & Co.
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Jan. 9, TAMBA MARU, Japanese str., 3,617, Hy. Barnes, Antwerp 25th Nov., and Singapore 1st January, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Jan. 9, THALES, British steamer, 822, Robson, Taiwanfoo, Amoy and Swatow 8th Jan., General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
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DEPARTURES.
Jan. 8, HAILOONG, British str., for Swatow.
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Per *Haimun*, from Tamsui, &c., Mrs. Boyd and three children, and Rev. F. P. Joseland.
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MARRIAGE.

On the 8th January, 1898, at the Peak Church, Hongkong, by the Rev. R. P. Cobbold, M.A., WILLIAM HERBERT TRENCHARD DAVIS, second son of the late WILLIAM DAVIS, Solicitor, Melbourne, Australia, to MATILDA KATHLEEN, eldest daughter of the late JOSEPH DODD, of Melbourne, and of Mrs. DODD, "Oaklands," Wattle Tree Road, Malvern, Melbourne, Australia, and granddaughter of the late Major MACPHERSON. [174

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 10th, 1898.

A REUTER'S telegram to the Indian papers, dated the 21st December, informs us that a semi-official statement made in Paris recalls the fact that Great Britain and France some years ago signed a protocol each undertaking not to take Chusan. This important telegram, of more interest to Reuter's subscribers in the Far East than to those in India, was not sent out here, though the French semi-official statement was apparently made in reply to an article in the *Times*, a brief summary of which Reuter telegraphed out under date of 20th December in the following terms:—"The *Times*, discussing the occupation of "Port Arthur by a Russian Squadron, says "that Great Britain cannot remain indifferent to changes which, by their effect "upon the Peking Government and the "redistribution of Naval power, may seriously affect our commercial supremacy. "The *Times* re-affirms the advantages of "Chusan and some of the smaller islands, "where a self-supporting station could be "easily established. It believes that Japan "is likely to demand the retention of "Wei-hai-wei." It would seem therefore that the *Times* was ignorant of the alleged protocol by which France and Great Britain are said to have agreed that neither of them should take Chusan. Nothing has ever previously been published with reference to such a protocol, the very existence of which has been hitherto unknown in the Far East. We would fain believe that there has been some mistake, but the French semi-official statement appears too explicit and direct to admit of that. When or why the protocol was entered into we are at a loss to conceive, but if its existence be a fact it must be due to some extraordinary blunder on the part of our Foreign Office. Nothing more stupid could be imagined than to surrender our lion on such a desirable position as Chusan and tie our hands in respect of any future action that might be necessary. In the event of our having at any time to enforce demands against China by force of arms the occupation of Chusan would seem to be one of the first steps that would naturally be taken in the operations, and to enter into an agreement with a third Power that we would not take that step means a material weakening of our position. Also in the event of the breaking up of the Chinese empire, a contingency which should have been present to the mind of any statesman dealing with the politics of the Far East at any time since the Taiping Rebellion, Chusan would naturally be included in Great Britain's share in the partitioning. Yet all these advantages have been thrown away, and for what? On that point we are left in ignorance. We do not know what undertaking France gave in return for the surrender of our rights, but we suspect it was nothing of any real value. Can it be that the surrender was made in a spirit of funk at the time of the Franco-Chinese war, when the idea of a French occupation of Chusan presented itself? The proper thing to have done then would have been to give France clearly to understand that Great Britain had rights over Chusan and that it was intended to maintain those rights. There was no rhyme or reason in bartering away our rights for less than a mess of pottage. The pusillanimous policy of always giving in to every outrageous demand of our rivals not only does no good, but it does a great deal of harm, because instead of cementing friendly relations it only encourages further demands. The present—or perhaps we should now say recent—critical position of affairs in the Far East is ascribable in large part to the weakness of England's policy during the last twelve or fifteen years. Had England steadily maintained her proper influence during that period she would not have been elbowed out as she has been. She has now, we are glad to believe, regained her former position. All that was required to achieve that end was to show that she was in earnest, and we trust that she will never again allow herself to fall into a policy of drift. If the mistakes of the past have been happily retrieved before it was too late they have nevertheless entailed a good deal of loss in the meantime.

A Scotch concert to commemorate the memory of Robert Burns is advertised for the 25th January.

The *Contemporary* for December contains an article by Mr. E. H. Parker on China and the Pamirs, with a map.

This afternoon in the six-a-side competition of the Hongkong Football Club Mr. Mackay's team will play Mr. Locker's.

There will be a Rugby Union Football Match this afternoon, H.M.S. *Powerful* v. Remainder of Fleet. Kick off at 4.30. *Powerful* in white, Remainder in colours.

A Victorian goldfields town has a Chinese camp; also a Chinese solicitor. One evening lately, as the camp was busy driving out the devil (an interesting little propitiatory religious service), some boys spoilt the proceedings, first by throwing crackers into the flames, and then by stoning the worshippers. Police-court proceedings followed, and the Chinese lawyer was in an elaborate fury with a Crown prosecutor who has been on one side, appearing for Europeans, with Chinese principals on the other side.—*Sydney Bulletin.*

In describing a ball given at Hanoi by General Bichot the *Avenir du Tonkin* says:—"The presence of Marshal Son and his brilliant Chinese staff gave a very original appearance to the gathering. These mandarins in their rich robes of silk and satin and wearing buttons of jade or crystal in their hats, moved about the halls mingling their national costumes with the brilliant uniforms of the military officers and rich materials of the ladies' dresses. Yielding to the spirit of the occasion and to French gallantry the Marshal—a very fine man, a giant in fact—offered his hand to one of the ladies and with graceful ease danced a pas de quatre." Marshal Son is the Chinese officer in charge on the Tonkin frontier. He has made himself very popular with the French in Tonkin and is at present on an official visit to Hanoi.

The Volunteer Corps Orders are this week very interesting. The ambulance class will start again on Wednesday, at 6 p.m., when Surgeon-Lieutenant F. O. Stedman will commence a series of twelve lectures and stretcher drills. At the end of the course an examination will be held, when those adjudged proficient will be granted the Red Cross badge. The lectures will also qualify for the St. John's Ambulance course. The lectures were extremely interesting last year, and we hope the members of the Corps will attend them in large numbers this year. This afternoon, at 5.30 p.m., the Field Battery will parade for clothing inspection. Every non-commissioned officer and man should attend this parade. Uniform—cloth and forage caps. On Sunday next there will be a Church Parade Service at Union Church. Fall in at headquarters at 10.15 a.m.

Scotland beat the World at football on Saturday by two goals to nothing. The World ought to have won pretty comfortably. During the first half they had much the better of the game and might have scored at least four times, but the opportunities were lost owing to the lack of forward combination. They failed at the critical moment, even easy chances being allowed to slip away, the forwards apparently being very uncertain whether they could rely upon each other for support. At the end of the first half the ball was put between Scotland's posts with a swift low shot, but it came too late, as the referee had a moment before blown the half time whistle. The second half augured well at the commencement for the World, but for most of the time the game was fairly even. Scotland scored two goals, one of them from a corner which was exceedingly well taken, and the World also put the ball through, but the referee decided in favour of an appeal for a palpable off-side shot. It was an exceedingly pleasant game, not a single dispute of any kind arising, and the large number of spectators who assembled at Happy Valley seemed to enjoy the play immensely.

The smoking concert at the Volunteer Institute on Saturday night was most enjoyable and judging by the large attendance the band funds will benefit considerably. Major Sir John Carrington, Commandant, was unable to be present and Captain Chapman occupied the chair. The programme was a capital one and sufficiently long to fill up time until nearly midnight. The vocalist who scored the greatest success was Corporal Williams, of the King's Own Regiment. His business is purely comic and in that sphere he is undoubtedly first class. His songs, recitations, and mimicry were all so cleverly and naturally done that the audience laughed heartily all the time he was on the stage and it was with difficulty they could refrain from calling for him even after two encores. Corporal Williams is just the sort of man who can supply good wholesome fun and we hope the Hongkong public will have the opportunity of hearing him often. Bandsman Upton, of the King's Own, and Sergeant McPhail and Gunner Bridger, of the Volunteers, also sang, their songs being much appreciated. Mr. W. Muskett recited and was warmly applauded, and Bombardier Baker and Gunner Crawford played a very pretty flute duet. Several members of the band of the Regiment played some excellent selections during the evening.

We have to acknowledge receipt of a wall calendar from the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., for which Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co. are the local agents.

The N. D. L. steamer *Preussen*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 13th December, left Singapore on Friday, the 7th inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 12th inst.

The man who thought he was doing wrong by having Manila lottery tickets in his possession and tried to get out of his imaginary trouble by offering P.C. Hammond a bribe of $6 was on Saturday committed for trial on a charge of attempting to bribe the policeman.

A coffin builder and his two assistants were charged at the Magistracy on Saturday with illegally removing the dead body of a boy from 15, Wa On Lane. Police Sergeant Williamson met the defendants carrying the body in Queen's Road, and they said they were on their way to the Tung Wah Hospital. The master was fined $25, and the two men $5 each.

A STEAMER SUNK AT SHANGHAI.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

Shanghai, 9th January.

This morning Messrs. Bennetts and Co.'s steamer *Kiangning*, with twenty thousand cases of oil on board, sank in the Woosung River as she was leaving for Hankow.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."]

LONDON, 6th January, 1898.

OBITUARY.

General Yeatman-Biggs, from an illness contracted by the hardships of the Tirah Campaign.

THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

One hundred and five deaths have occurred in Bombay from the plague within the last 48 hours.

CHINESE LOANS.

It is reported on the Stock Exchange that a Chinese loan at 3 per cent. will be issued at 110.

THE FRENCH PRESS ON GERMANY IN CHINA.

The French Press regards the cession of Kiaochau as a fair reward to Germany for securing the retrocession of the Liao-tung Peninsula.

EGYPT.

One hundred men of a Camel Corps, with 400 followers, have arrived at Kassala from Suakim in fourteen days, and a regular post has been established between Suakim, Berber, and Kassala.

LONDON, 7th January.

GERMANY IN CHINA.

The *Times* is informed that the lease of Kiaochau is for 99 years and that Germany will establish a branch of the German Asiatic Bank there.

CANADA AND THE FAR EAST.

The Canadian Militia Department is receiving offers for service in the event of trouble in the Far East.

THE CHINA LOANS.

Reuter's Agency at Peking wires that China has refused the Russian loan.

THE SITUATION.

REPORTED SETTLEMENT.

From a reliable source we learn that the outstanding questions between Russia, England, and Japan in reference to China and Korea have been satisfactorily arranged. The basis of the arrangement is not as yet known, but the British ships that went North have been ordered to return to Hongkong, the *Powerful* is not to go North, and two cruisers, now on [illegible] to return at the first port they reach. Consols have risen to 114, and a Chinese 3 per cent. loan guaranteed by England is to be issued at 110. The last item is confirmed by Reuter's telegram.

THE REBELLION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Spanish military officers who accompanied the rebel leaders from Manila to Hongkong left for Manila on Saturday in the steamer *Uranus*. Mr. John T. Macleod also went with them. It is reported that Emilio Aquinaldo, the rebel chief, also returned with the officers, but whether that is so is not quite clear. A Mr. Tomas Aquinaldo was one of the passengers, so that a similarity in the surnames alone may have given rise to a misapprehension, as one of the conditions imposed by the Spanish authorities was that the rebels were not to return to any Spanish colony. It is a curious fact, however, that Emilio Aquinaldo and the other rebels are not now staying at the Hongkong Hotel, having left on Saturday.

COMMERCIAL STAR-ANISE OIL.

Star-anise oil is the product of the Chinese tree *Illicium anisatum*, belonging to the natural order *Magnoliaceæ*. There are two kinds of anise oil used in commerce, the other being obtained by the distillation of the seed-like fruits of *Pimpinella anisum (Umbelliferæ)*. These two varieties of oil differ but little in properties and composition. As a rule anise oil, and especially star-anise oil, is remarkably free from the intentionally added impurities which are common in other essential oils, but according to the results obtained by the examination of some recently imported star-anise oil and contributed by Mr. J. C. Umney to a recent number of the *Chemist and Druggist* (October 16, 1897), importers will now have to be on their guard with regard to this oil.

The import of oil examined by Mr. Umney consisted of 9 cases (600 lb.) and samples were drawn from each of these cases. The only methods available for the detection of adulterants in anise oil are, the determination of specific gravity (which never falls below 0·981 for genuine anise oil), and the observation of the melting point after the oil has been caused to solidify by cooling, which is about 15·8 deg. C. for genuine oil. The results of Mr. Umney's observations of these physical constants is given in the following table:—

No.	Specific gravity.	Melting point of solidified oil.
1	·981	15·8 deg. C.
2	·981	16·0 " "
3	·981	16·0 " "
4	·982	16·2 " "
5	·894	5·7 " "
6	·926	9·7 " "
7	·939	11·5 " "
8	·920	8·8 " "
9	·910	7·8 " "

It will be readily seen from this table that Nos. 1 to 4 represent pure anise oil, the others being evidently much adulterated.

It was found possible to isolate the adulterant by shaking the oil with strong sulphuric acid. The genuine oil is destroyed in this process, and any residue must be regarded as impurity in the specimen of oil operated upon. In the case of each of the impure specimens mentioned above the residue consisted of light petroleum oil having a specific gravity of ·835.

By calculation from the specific gravities of the impure specimens Mr. Umney concludes that the amount of added petroleum in each case is as follows:—

No. 5	56 per cent.
No. 6	37 " "
No. 7	36 " "
No. 8	41 " "
No. 9	47 " "

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CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB v. NAVY.

The chip of the coin, some just fortune, if not luck, holding up the part of the Navy, and fairly good batting and fielding on the part of the landsmen, combined to give the Club a substantial victory by four wickets and 94 runs. Beginning to bat with Dyson and the Hon. Secretary, the latter at two lost his wicket in a manner which is still an enigma to him. Lamport joined Smith and started to raise the score to 80 before retiring for a creditable 32. The Secretary and Treasurer then got together and added another 47 runs when Smith, who had been batting an hour and a half and had been kept away from tiffin for 10 minutes by the slowness of the Pavilion clock, had to go, being well caught in the slips for a lucky 68. After tiffin Vallings joined Maitland and showed that with the return of the *Ceylon* he had come back to form, a result which had been foretold. He smote hard and quite overshadowed Maitland, whose departure for a well got 35 only urged Vallings to greater feats, which culminated in two sixes off Shelford; no chance occurred in his well hit 65. Hartland, a visitor, aided Vallings in putting on the last 50 runs and was not out when the innings was declared closed at 228 for 6 wickets. Wall of H.MS. *Powerful* had four wickets for 79, a good debut, though he probably wants a faster pitch than Saturday's was on which to do himself justice. Just after 3 p.m. the Navy went in to bat, but with nothing except a draw to play for. Judging however from some of the performances, not every member of the eleven realised what were the proper tactics. Four wickets having succumbed for 36 runs, Dewar and Hastings, by lusty hitting, carried the score to 88, at which the former, having just knocked a pair of sixes off Vallings, was bowled by a ball with a lot of work on it for a dashing innings of 34. He was shortly followed by Hastings who showed his old form and played the best and biggest innings of his side. Anderson effected his dismissal by a good catch at third man. Subsequently, Egerton, Dalrymple, and Shelford, all playing carefully, might have effected a draw had not the last named been unnecessarily called for a short run. Vallings was the most successful bowler, followed closely by Smith and Lammert; but it was rottenness in the state of Denmark rather than the absolute superiority of the Club that made the victory so pronounced.

By kind permission of Captain The Honourable Hedworth Lambton, R.N., and Officers, the Band of H.M.S. *Powerful* played a pleasing selection of music during the afternoon.

Appended are the score and analysis:—

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

T. Sercombe Smith, c Ravenshaw, b Wall	68
Captain Dyson, A.P.D., b Dewar	0
R. F. Lammert, c Shelford, b Wall	32
F. Maitland, c Nicholas, b Wall	35
Rev. Vallings, b Wall	65
P. A. Cox, st. Pead, b Dewar	2
W. H. Hartland, not out	12
Captain Langhorne, A. G. Ward, E. Mast, and Anderson, did not bat.	
Extras	14
Total for six wickets	228

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Maid.	Runs.	Wides.	N.B.	Wickets.
L. Shelford	11	1	39	—	—	—
R. G. Dewar	15	2	51	—	—	2
Wall	25	11	79	—	—	4
Hastings	7	1	21	—	—	—
Ravenshaw	16	2	25	2	1	—

ROYAL NAVY.

Dr. Pead, b Sercombe Smith	4
Wall, b R. F. Lammert	0
Hastings, c Anderson, b Vallings	45
Rawson, c and b R. F. Lammert	1
Tusk, b Sercombe Smith	7
Dewar, b Vallings	34
Nicholas, c and b Vallings	0
Egerton, c Smith, b Vallings	14
Dalrymple, not out	19
Shelford, run out	7
Ravenshaw, c Ward, b Sercombe Smith	0
Extras	3
Total	134

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Maid.	Runs.	Wides.	N.B.	Wickets.
Sercombe Smith	10·4	3	37	—	—	3
R. F. Lammert	10	—	24	—	—	2
Vallings	10	2	33	—	—	4
P. A. Cox	3	—	16	—	—	—
E. Mast	6	1	11	—	—	—

THE HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Mr. E. Georg, in his weekly share list dated Hongkong, January 8th, says:—

A very fair amount of business has been done this week, as the prices indicate, and the tone has shown an upward tendency.

BANK SHARES.—Small lots of Hongkong and Shanghais have changed hands at 176 and 178 per cent. prem. for cash, and in sympathy with the big advance in the London rate, there are now cash buyers at 180 per cent. prem.; time shares continue to be in demand, and sales have been effected at 184 to 185 per cent. prem. for 31st March, and 186 to 188 per cent. prem. for 30th April, and more shares are wanted at higher rates. The London rate has jumped to £44 10s. 0d. Nationals, after sales at 222½, are on offer at 222.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions continue neglected, being obtainable at $229. China Traders have been in fair demand, changing hands at $70 to $71, closing with sellers at the higher rate. North Chinas continue neglected. Yangtszes, which were forced off in the North over the December settlements at $132½, but recovered their position immediately afterwards, have been imported from Shanghai at $145 and close steady. Cantons have been done at $150½ ex interim dividend of $5 per share paid on 3rd instant, and are very firm at $150. Straits continue on offer, and are quoted $16 sellers without attracting buyers.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—Hongkongs have improved their position, changing hands at $365 to $367½ (also at $370 with financial facilities) and are wanted now at $370 cash. Chinas have been done in fair quantities at $106 to $108 cash, also at $111 for 30th April, and close in request at $107 for cash. Good reports of both Companies are expected, as the losses have been very moderate.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat shares have been sold in considerable quantities at $23½, $29, $28½ and $28½ cash, also at $29½, $30, $29½, $29½, and $29½ for 31st March next, closing quiet at the lowest rates. Indo-Chinas have commanded considerable attention, and a fair business has been in progress at $51 to $52½ cash and at $55 for delivery on 30th April, the market closing very strong with further buyers for cash. China and Manilas have not been dealt in, but several hundred Douglases have been taken off the market at $57 cash, and more shares are wanted. China Mutuals unchanged.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have ruled steady to strong, with cash sales at $162 to $163 and a certain inquiry for time shares at equivalent rates, which, however, owing to the disinclination of holders, did not result in much business. At the close, cash shares are obtainable at $162, and on time shares probably might be got at $168 for 31st March. Luzons have improved, but no business has come under my notice; I quote $37 as the closing buying rate.

MINING SHARES.—Punjoms have improved a little, and have been done at $6 for ordinary shares, closing with buyers at $64, while preferences are quoted nominally at $1.40 to $1.50 per share. Comparing the outturn from the mines for the last two years, I arrive at the following figures:

1896.		
Ore mined	12,700 tons	5,703 oz. gold.
Concentrates calcined	443 "	843 "
From cyanide process	5,520 "	1,028 "
Together	18,652 tons	7,579 oz. gold
1897.		
Ore mined	5,845 tons	1,453 oz. gold.
Headings	19,355 "	1,063 "
Concentrates calcined	455 "	437 "
Cyanide process	6,723 "	590 "
Together	32,378 tons	4,248 oz. gold.
From pockets found		296 "
Total		4,544 oz. gold.

Charbonnages have been done at $110 per share and a few more are wanted. New Balmorals are quick at $1.40 for ordinaries and $1.50 for preference shares. Jelobus are on offer at $2. Raubs sold at $22½ to $22¾ cash, also at $24 to $24½ for 31st March, but close somewhat weaker with sellers at $22½ cash and $23¾ delivery on 31st March. A telegram received on 6th last. gives the result of the clean up on 31st ultimo, with 1,023 ounces of gold from 2,063 tons of stone crushed, which is slightly better than the preceeding crushing. The total output for the last four years is as follows:—

	1894.	1895
Tons Stone crushed	5,370 tons.	11,766 tons.
Ounces of gold won	3,091 oz.	5,756 oz.
	1896.	1897
Tons Stone crushed	15,529 tons.	13,954 tons.
Ounces of gold won	8,723 oz.	11,402 oz.

Olivers B have ruled a little quieter, changing hands at $8.10, $8½, $8.10, and $8, at which latter rate they are steady; A's sold at $10. Great Eastern and Caledonians sold at $6.10 to $6 for fully paid up shares, and for $2½ paid up shares at $3.10 to $3 cash, also at $3½ for delivery end of March and April (in considerable quantities), closing steady.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's shares have ruled very firm with small sales at 222 to 223 per cent. prem. for cash; and shares are now in demand at 224 per cent. prem. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's shares have advanced to $59 sales, closing steady. Wanchai Warehouses have buyers at 241½, but nothing is doing in New Amoy Dock shares.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company's shares are quiet at $74, without sales. Kowloon Lands fetched $15, while West Points are on offer at $21½. Hongkong Hotels have advanced further, and, after sales at $52 cash, at $55 for delivery on 31st March, and $57½ for delivery on 30th April, the stock can be placed now at $54 cash and $56 for end of March. A few Humphreys Estates sold at $9½, but more shares are on offer.

COTTON MILLS.—Some Hongkong Cottons fetched $17, but shares can be had at that rate. For Shanghai Cotton Mills I follow the last known quotations from the North.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands, after selling at $35 for old for 31st instant, and at $33½ cash, are on offer at $34 for old and $18½ for new for cash. Watsons sold and have sellers at $12. Hongkong Electrics changed hands at $10 and are obtainable at that rate. Ropes fetched $170, and Fenwicks $29, and both these stocks have further buyers. Tramways are quoted $105 ex dividend of $7 paid on 3rd instant. Tebrau ($2 paid) sold and have sellers at $2.

GREAT BRITAIN'S EARLY RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

In the article on Sir Rutherford Alcock in *Blackwood's*, of which we published a portion in a previous issue, the writer says:—

Up to the time of the war Great Britain had no relations whatever with China. Only a few merchants who followed in the wake of the East India Company were tolerated at Canton on conditions as humiliating as those endured by the Dutch for two hundred years at Nagasaki in Japan. The war broke this galling thraldom, and a new heaven and a new earth were revealed to us and to the world by the famous treaty. Five ports were thrown open to trade and residence, a customs tariff was settled. The Great Wall of China was at last breached. The hopes of merchants, manufacturers, and philanthropists rose high; nothing was known, therefore everything was expected. Never was there a more pregnant epoch in foreign relations with China; and the circumstances of the time were calculated to stimulate the enthusiasm of those who were charged with the realisation of the hopes which were built on the inauguration of the new era. Under the influence of this enthusiasm Lieutenant Wade threw up his commission in the 98th, and betook himself to the study of Chinese—whereby hangs a tale. Sir Thomas Wade retired from the post of British Minister in Peking in 1882, having succeeded Sir R. Alcock and succeeded by Sir Harry Parkes, three names around which the whole web of British relations with China for fifty years has been woven.

That these great expectations were not realised we now know only too well. And yet, if we set aside all that was exaggerated in those sanguine anticipations, our commercial progress in China, which was what we had fought for, has not been so contemptible after all. It is true that further wars were needed to realise this; but when we contrast the one half-open port of Canton and its handful of merchant-prisoners with the twenty or more now fully open on the coast and the Great River in the interior, with the freedom of travel throughout the empire, with the civilised comforts of the foreign colonies, living in peace and security even under the Dragon flag, we must in candour confess that though things might have been very much better they might also have been worse. Of course, if we look at the failures, the might-have-beens rise like a cloud to obscure the successes. And it is the thought of what might yet be that makes our pioneers of progress strain at the leash.

It is useful to remind ourselves of the cause of the failure of the system of open diplomatic intercourse with China, that we may do justice to the various individuals concerned, as well as get a clearer comprehension of where we stand to-day. On our part we relied on the treaty we had made, without suspecting that there was a complete misunderstanding between the parties—a misunderstanding which has never to this day been removed. In Chinese eyes there neither was, nor could be, any such thing as a treaty between equals. For them it was merely a strange device, of which they availed themselves, to get our claws off their haunches—the indemnity or ransom such as in those days might be demanded by Riffian pirates. That it was never ratified by the Throne seems but a detail, for the Emperor's ratification would probably have made no difference in the event. The treaty was a document to be appraised only by Captain Cuttle's formula, that the bearings of it lay in its application. In this it resembled the so-called treaties with African chiefs, by which without intending anything of the kind they give away their country, or some one else's country, but which to the Europeans serve as pretexts for occupation. The Chinese central Government ignored—really was never informed of—the transaction, and the coast officials observed it only so far as they were compelled, or conceived they were compelled. Whether by open violation or ingenious evasion, their natural purpose—a purpose so natural that they probably did not put it into the form of a thought—was to reduce the treaty to nullity and to treat the foreigners with as much contumely as they could be got to bear. The idea of keeping faith never entered into their head, for were we not worse than heretics—brigands, and barbarians at that, whom the Ancients had said could only be ruled by misrule? And so it was that we set out with a colossal misunderstanding which never has been, and probably never will be, removed. For with the added knowledge and rough experience of fifty years we are as incorrigible in our view as the Chinese are in theirs. Neither party possesses enough free imagination to place itself in the other's shoes. They neither comprehend each other's motives nor each other's dialect. Words may be translated, and ideas reproduced to the formal satisfaction of the intellect, but that is all superficial. The counters may be the same, but they stand for different values, and represent coin of different metals to the respective players in the game.

Granted, then, this treaty, which one party, the author of it, intended to be fulfilled to the letter, as if it were the lease of a house drawn up in Lincoln's Inn, and the other regarded as a mere *ruse de guerre*, the collisions which were inevitable would depend for their severity very much on the character of the agents, on both sides, who represented the contracting parties. On the Chinese side the position was at least free from ambiguity. They had merely to resist, like Wellington at Torres Vedras. On the British side the position in itself was also as clear as a summer morning in London before the smoke and haze of noonday have obscured the architecture. We had on paper committed the Chinese to a programme which they did not understand, and could not follow out intelligently even if they would. But as we had forced the harness on them, we had also to force them to draw the cart. There was no middle course. We had to beat or be beaten. Obviously, then, a happy issue depended on the perspicacity and resolution of the Englishmen intrusted with the execution of the treaty. Hence the personality of the pioneer consuls was a supremely important factor in the question. They were taking the first steps in the morning snow, and in their footprints their successors would have to tread. Every act of theirs was to be a precedent; while they had no precedents to guide them. They were laying the foundations of future policy,—peace, progress, and prosperity all depending on their stones being well and truly laid.

A prisoner taken into one of the police-stations at Glasgow the other day gave his address as 193, Caledonia-road. The telephone was at once put into use, and the nearest station to Caledonia-road was asked whether prisoner was known at the address given, and whether all its inmates had slept there on the previous night. The reply was that the answer to the first question was doubtful, but there was no doubt as to the affirmative reply to the second. It turned out that 193, Caledonia-road was a graveyard.

A DISTINGUISHED NORTH BORNEO OFFICIAL.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM RAFFLES-FLINT.

Captain Raffles-Flint joined the service of the British North Borneo Company in 1881 on the granting of the Royal Charter to the company, leaving for North Borneo in the steam-yacht *Leila* in January, 1882, with Captain E. R. Conner, R.N., retired, in command. Captain Raffles-Flint had been some years previously an officer in the service of the P. and O. Company. After an eventful voyage, and encountering much bad weather, the yacht was brought safely into Borneo waters, after undergoing necessary repairs and refitting in Singapore. The yacht, which was designed especially for the Governor's use in travelling round the coast and up the rivers of Borneo, was, however, found to be unsuitable for the purpose, as her draught was too great, and she was subsequently disposed of in Singapore.

Captain Raffles-Flint was then for a short period employed as Harbour Master and Postmaster at Sandakan, the headquarters of the infant colony, and later on was attached to the Constabulary Force under the late Captain A. M. de Fontaine, who was killed in an ambush at the commencement of a military expedition to Kawang, a native village on the west coast, and also under Captain R. D. Beeston. He was engaged in the first punitive expedition in 1883 against Pangeran Samah and his followers, who had created a disturbance on the Kinabatangan River, and was guilty of illegal practices with regard to the collection of birds' nests.

He was in command of the military expedition to Omadal in 1886 against a band of pirates who were, with the assistance of H.M.S. *Zephyr*, dispersed, and all their boats and property destroyed.

In 1888 he accompanied the military expedition as second in command under Captain Beeston to Padas Damit against Pangeran Shabandar, who had defied the Government, and had fortified himself to resist attack. On Captain Beeston being compelled, on account of ill-health, to retire to the coast, Captain Raffles-Flint took over command, and successfully destroyed the forts.

He was in 1893 seconded from the force, and was appointed Resident of the colony of Labuan a British possession under the administration of the British North Borneo Company, until 1896, when in the absence of the Commandant, Captain E. A. Barnett, he resumed his military duties as Acting Commandant of the Constabulary at Headquarters, and was in command of the second punitive expedition against the rebel Mat Salleh, and in September last year succeeded in effectually destroying a strong fort which Mat Salleh had specially built on the Lingkabau river. The leader himself had, however, managed to escape, leaving his followers to defend the fort.

Captain Raffles-Flint, who is now in England on leave, was, it will be remembered, in command of the Dyak Military Police who represented the Company's forces at the recent Jubilee celebration, and who were also to be seen doing their fantastic War Dance at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, where they also had the honour of forming part of the Guard of Honour drawn up to receive the Prince of Wales, when His Royal Highness opened the Military Tournament. We might mention that Captain Raffles-Flint is a grand-nephew of Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, Bart., the founder and first Governor of Singapore, and formerly Governor of the island of Java, before that settlement was handed over to the Dutch. His grandfather was Captain William Flint, R.N., the first Master Attendant at Singapore, contemporary with Sir Thomas Stamford-Raffles.—*Colonies and India.*

THE BRINDISI ROUTE.

The Rome correspondent of a London evening paper writes:—Public opinion and the Press in Italy have lately become excited over the possibility that the Indian mail may not pass in future through the Peninsula at all. Imagine English people have no idea what this mail means to a large section of Italians. In the towns and villages on the Adriatic coast, which are much frequented as summer resorts, one of the great diversions on Sunday was, and still is, a visit to the railway station to see the Indian mail—the *Valigia*, as they call it here—go by. The news that the mail steamers were really going to touch at Marseilles, and abandon Brindisi where there is to be merely a secondary service to carry the mail to Port Said, has naturally caused a great ferment. Interrogations on the subject have been presented in the Chamber to the Cabinet. The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, interviewed on the matter, said that the Indian mail as a postal service, and the Peninsular and Oriental Company as providers of accommodation for travellers, were two different and distinct things. The Italian Government had ensured the maintenance of the former through Italy, but could do nothing to prevent the company from changing their main route. The Minister showed the letters received from the company to explain the reasons for the change, the principal one being that the harbour of Brindisi, even with the improvements that are to be made, is not adapted for the large steamers the company desire to use for the Indian service. Besides, says the company, in twenty-five years the taste of travellers is much changed, and they now prefer to spend two nights at sea instead of one on the railway, especially in "these times of economy." For the passage of the Indian mail through the Peninsula England pays Italy £28,000 yearly, of which the Government spends £16,000 on the trains and £5,000 in postal service, so that there remains a net yearly gain. The Cabinet are greatly blamed for not having made an effort to induce the Peninsular and Oriental Company to choose Genoa instead of Marseilles. It is contended that Genoa presents greater advantages, especially to travellers from Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and the remainder of Eastern Europe.

COUNT GOLUCHOWSKI ON THE TRANSOCEANIC DANGER.

The remarkable sentences with which the Austrian Chancellor ended his speech of Saturday to the Delegations have naturally created much discussion,—most of it, we fear, not very nutritive. Count Goluchowski had been speaking of the new *entente* with Russia in reference to Turkish affairs as a guarantee of peace, and as a final demonstration of the importance of peace to Europe gave a sketch of what he believed to be the coming danger of the twentieth century. The "very existence" of the European peoples would, he believed, be staked upon their power to defend themselves by fighting shoulder to shoulder against "Transoceanic competition." He went into no details, and the journalists, therefore, of the different countries are treating his utterance as a mystical text, obviously of importance, but requiring further interpretation. The Austrian, say one set of commentators, is menacing America. No, say another set, he is endorsing William II.'s view, and Mr. Pearson's view, about the "Yellow Peril." Not so, comments a third set, he is only hinting that if the British Empire binds itself together by a new Zollverein the Continent must federate itself for a war of tariffs, or even a more dangerous war, a view which, being favoured by a momentary temper of suspicion that has developed itself among our people, finds much acceptance in this country. We do not believe any of

MERCHANT'S SCHEME TO FIGHT THE SHIPPING RING.

DEFENCE, NOT DEFIANCE.

Mr. R. D. Galbraith, of 22, Gracechurch-street, propounds a new plan for dealing with the shipping ring as an alternative to the proposed appeal to Mr. Chamberlain.

In an interview with a *Daily Mail* representative, Mr. Galbraith said:—"The shipping ring is not a matter for Mr. Chamberlain to deal with, nor will any amount of talkee-talkee do any good. 'The Lord helps them that help themselves'; it, therefore, behoves the merchant and manufacturer to be up and doing.

"Shipping companies exist to make money, and when they are down the merchants have no mercy on them, and they show no mercy when things are good. I have had the P. and O. begging for freight at any price, and I have had them refuse it at any price. The ring has its advantages for merchants. Steady freights, that is to say the same rate to all comers, are good; and rebates are liked by many merchants, as they are a 'picking' and help to keep the pot boiling.

"The P. and O. is a wonderfully well managed company; and fast boats and regular sailings, full or not full, cost a lot of money. When homeward freights are at zero, outward freights must go up; steamers cannot be run at a loss.

"All the same, any ring will get out of hand and abuse its position unless there be a counterforce to keep it on the rails. Let some influential individual forthwith form a merchants' ring of defence, to be contributed to by all who care to join. If the African ring requires the whip, the whole funds of the defence will apply the whip on the desired point. If the Australian apply the whip there; if China do the same; if 5,000 merchants and manufacturers join at £20 each per annum, you will get an income of £100,000, and what ring will stand to lose £100,000 per annum?

"Any of the rings would quickly come to reason on any point at the very threat of the whip, I know them. They dread the very idea of a powerful ring of defence. When the defence ring took action to punish, they would put on boats on the route, they would have the support of their combination, they would pay all lost rebates out of their income and also loss on the steamers they chartered. As soon as the shipping ring gave way on the matter in question the defence would withdraw.

"To run a steamer a month to anyOre and back would cost the ring a loss of £1,000 to £2,000 per trip, or, say, £25,000 a year. But no matter. The defence exists for the purpose of having money to lose.

"To prevent the defence taking action and throwing away money when every individual trader had a pet grievance, action would only be taken when, say, three-fourths of the defence membership voted for it. That such a defence ring is possible I fully believe."

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

The vexing subject of the cause and prevention of the efflorescences that so often appear upon buildings of brick and sandstone has been carefully studied by Hans Gunther, a German chemist. The source of the trouble may be the clay (in the case of bricks), the water employed, the ashes and pyrites of the coal used for burning, or the mortar. Herr Gunther, however, finds that the discoloration is most liable to result from pyrites in the clay or chemical interaction between bricks and mortar. Most clays contain pyrites, which give rise to immediate efflorescences in the presence of magnesia, but in the presence of lime show nothing until after decomposition with the alkalies of the mortar. Sulphates—and not nitrates, as has been suggested—are usually the disfiguring salts. A suggested remedy is barium carbonate or chloride, as this would bind the sulphuric acid, forming an insoluble compound, if used in the bricks.

Geosote, a combination of valerianic acid with creosote, is an oily liquid, with a sweetish taste, that seems to have the medicinal properties of creosote without its burning effects. It is administered under the skin, or in small doses in mucilage to children or in capsules to adults. It appears to be a decided tonic in debility, useful in intestinal catarrh and in infantile diarrhœa where other remedies have failed, and especially valuable in pulmonary consumption and tuberculous glands, joints, and bones. In 76 cases of phthisis reported by Dr. Rieck, only 13 failed to be benefitted by this remedy.

From tests made in the vicinity of Sheffield, Mr. W. C. Williams finds that the proportion of carbonic acid in the air is distinctly greater in towns than in suburbs, that a marked increase is produced by fog or snow, also by very high low barometric pressure, but that rain exerts no decided influence. The carbonic acid of respiration is not evenly distributed through a room, as many physiologists have maintained. In lofty rooms it was less near the ceiling than near the floor, but rooms 9½ to 16 feet high had much more carbonic acid near the top, the excess being greatest at night.

All the observed phenomena of Le Bon's so-called "black light" are found by M. Becquerel to be attributable to ordinary red and infra-red rays. These pass through ebonite and extinguish the phosphorescence of sulphide of zinc.

Blind faith in the nostrum, so characteristic of our age, is deplored by Dr. J. F. Goodhart in the London *Lancet* as an obstacle to real progress in medicine. The physician is expected always to give a prescription, and the patient who gets only advice straightway seeks some less conscientious adviser, too often an arrant quack. The fact remains that, in many—perhaps most—cases the medicine can confer no benefit. It may be that what is needed is rest in bed or a holiday, or that the disease at present can only be watched and not lessened or hastened, or that nothing but a change in the mode of living can have any useful effect. Yet the medicine must be had. While simple advice to many is unheeded, however, there are others who go to the other extreme, and depend upon the doctor for rules for eating, drinking, and other details of existence. This is less sensible than may be thought. In youth one should be able to eat about anything within reason, and as he gets older he should become familar enough with the working of his bodily machinery to know what it requires better than any physician not acquainted with his constitutional peculiarities. Even if the doctor well knows his patient, he can only help him to help himself. The average patient, unfortunately, will be satisfied with nothing but a full regulation of his life, and goes to the specialist, or fashionable physician, whose prescription, if the new doctor be a man of common sense, may do no harm, but in too many cases leads to a silly following of the latest fad—like drinking hot water, or avoiding all water at meals.

An asbestos found only in Cape Colony, where it exists in large quantities, is of a blue colour, and is only two-thirds as heavy as white asbestos. A new application is its use for the boxes of secondary batteries, for which it has the advantage over glass of being unbreakable, while it is cheaper than ebonite. The material is also used for tubes for electric cables, and for insulating sheets, as well as for non-electrical purposes.

The ordinary phonograph is not a powerful-voiced instrument, but the improved apparatus of M. Lioret reproduces speech and music with such loudness and distinctness that they can be heard in the largest hall, or to a long distance in parks out of doors. With the source of sound hidden from view, the illusion of an orator speaking or of a musical concert is said to be perfect and inspiring. The important special features of this French phonograph are a cylinder of celluloid, a style of sapphire, a very wide vibrating disc set in a flat box forming a resonator, and a modified form of trumpet fixed to the resonator. The special trumpet has near the centre of its length a small strip of metal held in an aperture by a screw, the extraordinary result being a doubling of the sound and a great increase in clearness. The even more remarkable trebling of this effect is produced by a second trumpet, which is of thin metal in the form of a truncated cone, and is placed in front of the first trumpet. The record cylinders are prepared only in a special registering phonograph, the celluloid being softened for the purpose by a secret process.

It appears that the carbonic acid of the breath plays a considerable part in the familiar operation of blowing out a light. This was lately shown to the London Physical Society by Mr. Ackerman, who blew bubbles at the mouth of an inverted beaker through a hole out near the top, and allowed the defiating bubbles to force the air out again through this hole. If the bubbles had been blown by the breath, a candle-flame held to the hole, was promptly extinguished, while if the inflation had been by bellows with ordinary air, the flame was simply deflected. Another striking experiment was the propelling of a miniature boat by filling a hole in the stern closed by a linen diaphragm, with ether or other liquid mixing readily with water. The motion results from a continuous release of surface tension behind the boat.

A bulkhead door that cannot be left open has been successfully tried on a new steamer by Mr. William Kirkaldy, of Glasgow. It is in the form of a revolving hollow cylinder, which has a single doorway and fits tightly into a casing having a doorway on each side. To pass from one compartment to the other, one enters the cylinder and turns it half around, one of the casing doorways being always closed.

An artificial stone now being made at Woking by the process of Mr. William Owen consists of 87½ per cent of quartzose sand and 12½ of lime, which first being sifted and mixed, are subjected for 35 hours to a hydrostatic pressure of 60 pounds to the square inch. A distinctive feature of the process is the boiling of the water used before it is pumped into the pressure chamber, the driving out of all air in this way being claimed to obviate blow-holes and similar defects in the stone. The product improves with exposure to the atmosphere, being capable in a month of standing a pressure of 4,000 pounds to the square inch. It is cast to any desired form in steel moulds. Pieces of the material have been repeatedly subjected to sudden cooling from a high temperature, and to freezing—while saturated with water—and sudden thawing, without any signs of disintegration.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Hoihow*, from Chinkiang 5th Jan., had strong N.E. gale and high following sea.

The British steamer *Pacing*, from Moji 4th Jan., had strong N.W. winds from leaving to Saddles; thence fresh N.E. monsoon to arrival.

The British steamer *Hong Leong*, from Straits 1st Jan., had light breeze and fine weather to Pariacels. From Pariacels to port strong breeze and overcast.

The British steamer *Chilli*, from Shanghai 6th Jan., had strong N.E. winds, very high N.E. sea from Turnabout to Chapel Island. On 1st Jan., passed *Propontis*, lat. 24.15 N., long. 118.54 E., steering N.E.

The British steamer *Haimun*, from Tamsui via Amoy 7th Jan., had moderate N.E. gale and high sea, clear weather to Amoy and strong N.E. wind and sea, fine and clear to this port. In Tamsui—Str. *Sinkai*. In Amoy—Str. *Benledi*.

The British steamer *Yuensang*, from Manila 4th Jan., and Amoy 8th, had light N. and N.E. winds to lat. 20 N.; thence fresh gale and high sea to Chapel Island. From Amoy to port strong monsoon and high sea. On 5th Jan., spoke ship *Conway*, lat. 16.56 N., long. 119.12 E.

The British steamer *Thales*, from Taiwanfoo, Amoy and Swatow 8th Jan., had fresh gale and rough sea to Amoy. From Amoy strong breeze and clear weather to Swatow. From Swatow moderate wind and fine weather to port. In Amoy—Strs. *Yungching*, *Yuensang*, and *Sabine Rickmers*. In Swatow—Strs. *Toonan*, *Meefoo*, and *Phra C. C. Klao*.

EXPORT CARGO.

Per American ship, *James Drummond*, sailed on the 31st Dec. From Hongkong, for New York:—15,683 rolls matting, 3,794 packages firecrackers, 586 cases fans, 500 packages joss sticks, 350 bales strawbraids, 150 cases cassia buds, 150 cases preserves, 120 bales canes and 228 packages sundries.

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HONGKONG HOTEL.

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Mr. L. Bérindoague
Lieut Behnisch
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Bolles
Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Bottenheim & child
Mrs. G. B. Broadhurst
Capt. E. Burnie
Surgeon Captain & Mrs. Clarke
Mr. & Mrs. Charles C. Cohen
Mr. J. R. Clive
Mr. & Mrs. Coney and child
Mrs. Crowley
Mr. Samuel Dalton
Mr. T. M. Devilliers
Miss Dunn
Mr. F. Dupré
Mr. F. W. Edwards
Mr. E. J. Earn
Capt. & Mrs. W. Finch
Mr. & Mrs. H. K. C. Fisher
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THE GERMAN MAIL.

The N. D. L. steamer *Preussen*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 13th ultimo, left Singapore on Friday, the 7th instant, and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 12th instant.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with the American mail of the 18th ultimo, left Yokohama on Saturday, the 8th instant, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, 16th instant.

The P. M. steamer *Doxie*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki, and Shanghai on the 28th ultimo.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Chinese* left Port Darwin on the 6th instant, and may be expected to arrive on the 15th instant.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Lightning* from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 4th instant.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N. P. steamer *Pelican* sailed from Tacoma, Wn., on the 12th Oct., for Japan.

The N. P. steamer *Tacoma* sailed from Tacoma for Japan and Hongkong on the 20th ultimo.

The Rickmers Line steamer *Delike Rickmers*, from Antwerp and Hamburg, passed the Canal on the 7th ultimo, and was due at Singapore on or about the 29th ultimo.

The N. P. steamer *Lombard* sailed from Portland, Or., for Japan and Hongkong on the 3rd instant.

The P. & O. steamer *Shanghai* left Singapore for this port on the 6th instant.

The C. M. steamer *Ningchow*, from Glasgow, passed the Canal about 29th ult., and may be considered due at Singapore on or about the 7th instant.

The steamer *Chaucer* left Singapore on the 5th instant, and are due here on or about the 11th instant.

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HOMEWARD.—4th Jan.—*Melbourne, Antenor*.

POST-OFFICE NOTICES.

☞ The authorised List of Mails issued in connection with this paper is the one published twice each day in our Extra, which is corrected to a much later hour than that given below.

PEAK DELIVERY closes at Post Office at 11.30 a.m. and 3 p.m. or in Letter Boxes in the Cars by 12 and 3.30 o'clock Trams. Letter Boxes at Peak will be cleared at 12.30 and 4 p.m.

The Postal Guide for 1896, revised to date will be found in the *Chronicle and Directory*, p. xix. This is the only authorised complete Summary of Postal information published in Hongkong.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Hongay.—Per *Pakhoi*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 1.30 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Loongmoon*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Shanghai.—Per *Kwangkee*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

For Singapore.—Per *Niobe*, to-day, the 10th inst., at 4.30 P.M.

For Iloilo.—Per *Else*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

For Swatow and Bangkok.—Per *Kong Beng*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Wuchow.—Per *Lee On*, to-day, the 10th instant, at 5.00 P.M.

For Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, Wn.—Per *Columbia*, to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Yokohama and Kobe.—Per *Irene*, to-morrow, the 11th instant, at 11.30 A.M.

For Singapore.—Per *Della*, to-morrow, 11th instant, at 4.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.

The British Contract Packet *Thames*, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 13th inst., with Mails for the United Kingdom, Europe and countries beyond, *via Brindisi*; to the Straits Settlements, Netherlands India, Burmah, Ceylon, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

8.00 A.M.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.
10.00 A.M.—Registry ceases.
10.30 A.M.—Posting of newspapers, books, and patterns ceases.
11.00 A.M. Mail Closes

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MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *Gaelic* will be despatched on FRIDAY, the 14th instant, with Mails for Shanghai, Japan and San Francisco, the United States, Canada, Peru, &c., which will be closed as follows:—

4 P.M. Registry ceases.
5 P.M. Post Office closes, but Correspondence may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 10 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

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The French Contract Packet *Saghalien* will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 19th instant, with Mails to the United Kingdom, Europe, and places beyond, *via Marseilles*, to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, Madras, the Australasian Colonies, Aden, Natal and the Cape, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

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Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9, and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of this Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pedder Street.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1897. 8

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.				FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION CO.			
Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.	Steamer	Tons.	Captain.	Proposed Sailing.
COLUMBIA	2,605	A. Gow	Jan. 11	PELICAN	2,338	A. Gove	Feb. 8
TACOMA	2,549	A. Dixon	Feb. 1	BRAEMAR	3,601	E. Porter	March 8
VICTORIA	3,167	J. Truebridge	Feb. 22	MOGUL	3,654	W. H. Wright	March 29
OLYMPIA	2,608	Dobson	March 15				

THE attention of passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, £47.

Excellent accommodation. First class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.
Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route

HONGKONG TO VICTORIA, TACOMA, OR PORTLAND, £23.

The best route to the KLONDYKE GOLD FIELDS. Frequent Sailings from VICTORIA TACOMA and PORTLAND to DYEA and ST. MICHAEL.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, Tacoma, Wash., for Goods forwarded via that port, and to the Freight Agent, Oregon Railroad and Navigation Co., Portland, Orgeon, for Goods Shipped by that route.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [9

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HIROSHIMA MARU, N. Ohno	KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	THURSDAY, 20th January, at 4 P.M.
YAMAGUCHI MARU, S. Kawamuro	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & BOMBAY	TUESDAY, 25th January, at NOON.
*KAGOSHIMA MARU, W. Thompsen	SEATTLE, WASH., U.S.A., VIA KOBE & YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 27th January, at 4 P.M.
YAMASHIRO MARU, J. Jones	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 28th January, at 4 P.M.

*Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1898. [11

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	ROHILLA / S. de B. Lockyer, R.N.R.	About 10th January	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	THAMES / E. R. Dowell, R.N.R.	Noon, 13th January	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SHANGHAI / E. P. Bishop	About 13th January	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	JAVA / J. Chellaw, R.N.R.	About 21st January	Freight or Passage.

For Further Particulars, apply to

H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1898. [1

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"LOONGMOON,"

Captain F. Schulz, will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 10th inst., at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & CO.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [140

FOR SINGAPORE, ANTWERP, AND HAMBURG.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, and BREMEN.)

THE Steamship

"NIOBE."

Captain R. J. Pfaff, will be despatched for the above ports TO-DAY, the 10th inst., at 5 P.M.
This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1898. [121

FOR BALTIMORE.

THE 3/3 A. I. I. American Ship

"STANDARD,"

Snow, Master, shortly expected from Amoy, will load here for the above port during January.
For Freight, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1897. [54

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, AND HAMBURG.
(Calling at NAPLES for landing Passengers if sufficient inducement offers.)
(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, and BREMEN.)

THE Steamship

"DELIA,"

Captain R. Christiansen, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 11th inst., at 5 P.M.
This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [129

MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"PORT ADELAIDE"

will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 26th January, 1898.
To be followed by the
S.S. "GHAZEE" sail about 23th Feb., 1898.
S.S. "ARGYLL" do. 5th Mar., 1898.
S.S. "PATHAN" do. 20th Mar., 1898.
S.S. "LENNOX" do. 10th April, 1898.
S.S. "ENERGIA" do. 30th April, 1898
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [2404-2670

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & RIG.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL	Orestes	Brit. str.	Barr	Butterfield & Swire	On 19th inst.
LONDON	Java	Brit. str.	Chellew, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 21st inst.
LONDON VIA STRAITS, &c.	Thames	Brit. str.	Dowell, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & LIVERPOOL V. STRAITS	Kaisow	Brit. str.	Worrall	Holliday, Wise & Co.	On 17th inst.
BREMEN VIA PORTS OF CALL	Prussia	Ger. str.	Wettin	Melchers & Co.	On 1st Feb., at 11 A.M.
ANTWERP, BREMEN, HEBRO, &c.	Darmstadt	Ger. str.	[illegible]	Melchers & Co.	On or about 15th Feb.
ANTWERP & HAMBURG V. S'PORE	Niobe	Ger. str.	Pinn	Siemssen & Co.	To-day, at 5 P.M.
MARSEILLES VIA SINGAPORE	Saghalien	Fren. str.	Sellier	Messageries Maritimes	On 19th inst., at Noon.
VANCOUVER V. SHANGHAI, &c.	Empress of China	Brit. str.	Pybus, R.N.R.	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	On 19th inst., at Noon.
PORTLAND, OREGON VIA KOBE	Pelican	Brit. str.	Gove	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 8th Feb., at Noon.
SEATTLE, WINGTON, V. KOBE, &c.	Kagoshima Maru	Jap. str.	Thompson	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th inst., at 4 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA V. S'HAI.	Columbia	Brit. str.	Gow	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
BALTIMORE	Standard	Amer. ship.	Snow	Melchers & Co.	January.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI	Gaelic	Brit. str.		O. & O. S. S. Co.	On 15th inst., Daylight.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA. S'HAI, &c.	C. of Peking	Amer. str.		P. M. S. S. Co.	On 25th inst., at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO	New York	Amer. ship.	Peabody	Shewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	P. Adelaide	Brit. str.		Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On 26th inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Hansom	Brit. str.		Shewan, Tomes & Co.	On or about 31st inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	Doulodi	Brit. str.	Farquhar	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	On 17th inst.
NEW YORK	Gerard C. Tobey	Amer. bk.	Shurtly	Reuter Brockelmann & Co.	January.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	Hiroshima Maru	Jap. str.	Ohno	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
KOBE DIRECT	Australian	Brit. str.	Holms	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	On 12th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	Irene	Ger. str.	Schuder	Siemssen & Co.	To-morrow, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & NAGASAKI	Hohenzollern	Ger. str.	Blecker	Melchers & Co.	On or about 13th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & Y'HAMA	Argyll	Brit. str.	Ward	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 12th inst.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & Y'HAMA	Ghazee	Brit. str.	Bailey	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	On or about 12th inst.
S'HAI, N'SAKI, KOBE & Y'HAMA	Shanghai	Brit. str.	Bishop	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 13th inst.
S'HAI, N'SAGI, KOBE & Y'HAMA	Rohilla	Brit. str.	Lockyer, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 10th inst.
SHANGHAI	Loongmoon	Ger. str.	Schulz	Siemssen & Co.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Preussen	Ger. str.	Wettin	Melchers & Co.	On or about 15th inst.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAMSUI	Haiman	Brit. str.	Bathurst	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 12th inst., Daylight.
SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, &c.	Guthrie	Brit. str.	Craig	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	On 18th inst., at 4 P.M.
T'DAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, &c.	Yamashiro Maru	Jap. str.	Jones	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 23th inst., at 4 P.M.
S'PORE, HAVRE, & HAMBURG	Delia	Ger. str.	Christiansen	Siemssen & Co.	To-morrow, at 5 P.M.
S'PORE, COLOMBO, & BOMBAY	Yamaguchi Maru	Jap. str.	Kawamuro	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 25th inst., at Noon.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

FOR KOBE DIRECT.

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN,"

Captain Holms, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 12th inst., at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [159

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"ARGYLL,"

Captain Ward, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 12th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [135

MOGUL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"GHAZEE,"

Captain Bailey, will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, the 12th inst.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [136

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON AND LIVERPOOL VIA STRAITS AND COLOMBO.
(Taking Cargo at through rates for GLASGOW, CONTINENTAL PORTS, RIVER PLATE, &c.)

THE Company's Steamship

"KAISOW."

Captain E. Warrall, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 17th inst.
For Freight, &c., apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [77

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"ORESTES."

Captain Barr, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 19th inst.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1898. [2768

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CITY OF PEKING (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	TUESDAY, Jan. 25, 1898, at NOON.
CHINA (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Feb. 12, 1898, at NOON.
PEKU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, & Yokohama)	THURSDAY, March 3, 1898, at NOON.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF PEKING" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 25th January, 1897, at NOON, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER AND RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 7th January, 1898. [3

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"THAMES,"

Captain E. R. Dowell, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY on THURSDAY, the 13th JANUARY, at NOON, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France and London will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 31st December, 1897. [1

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

GAELIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	SATURDAY, Jan. 15, 1898, at DAYLIGHT.
DORIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, and Yokohama)	THURSDAY, Feb. 3, 1898, at NOON.
BELGIC (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu)	THURSDAY, Feb. 3, 1898, at NOON.

THE Company's Steamship "GAELIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *via* SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU on SATURDAY, the 15th January, 1890, at DAYLIGHT.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or *vice versa*) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [4

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"BENLEDI,"

Captain Farquhar will be despatched as above about 17th January.
Application for Freight should be made at once as there is only a limited space available.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1898. [92

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

THE Steamship

"GUTHRIE,"

Captain Craig, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th inst., at 4 P.M.
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.
This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.
A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.
N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for return by the steamers of the China Navigation Company and *vice versa*.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [137

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS,
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 19th January, 1898, at NOON, the Company's Steamship "SAGHALIEN," Captain Sellier, with Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo will leave this port for MARSEILLES via ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 18th January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898. [2

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"HANSEAT"

will be despatched as above on or about the 31st January, 1898.
To be followed by the
S.S. "LYDERHORN"
on or about the 15th February, 1898.
S.S. "OERWELL"
on or about the 28th February, 1898.
For Freight, &c., apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [127

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

PREUSSEN	Tuesday	1st Feb.
SACHSEN	Tuesday	1st March.
BAYERN	Wednesday	30th Mar.
PRINZ HEINRICH	Wednesday	27th April.

ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of February, 1898, at 11 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain P. Wettin, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on SATURDAY, the 29th January, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY, the 31st January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on MONDAY, the 31st January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents
Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [7

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Extra Steamer

"DARMSTADT"

will be despatched as above on or about 15th of February, 1898.
To be followed by the Steamer
"CREFELD,"
on or about the 15th of March, 1898.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. [55

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A.1. American Ship

"NEW YORK,"

Peabody, Master, load for the above port and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
Hongkong, 26th October, 1897. [52

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L.I.I. American Bark

"GERARD C. TOBEY,"

Shurtly, Master, will load here for the above port and will be despatched in January.
For Freight, apply to
REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1897. [2835

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.
For freight and further particulars, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
General Agents for China and Japan.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [10

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENESK"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo by her are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 10th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 17th inst., otherwise they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th inst., at 11 A.M.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [105

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SWANSEA, LIVERPOOL, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"PINGSUEY"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all claims must be sent in to the office of the undersigned before NOON on the 10th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on MONDAY, the 10th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any goods remaining in the Godowns after the 10th inst. will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [104

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"DIOMED"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 4th inst.

Goods undelivered after the 11th inst. will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 11th inst.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [96

STEAMSHIP "YARRA."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. *Guadalquivir* in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON, TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 18th inst., will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before TUESDAY, the 18th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 18th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1898. [2

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "COLUMBIA," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [9

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"SENTA,"

Captain T. Voss, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 10th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 10th instant.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSSEN & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd January, 1898. [99

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"NESTOR"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 7th inst.

Goods undelivered after the 14th inst. will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 14th inst.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1898. [134

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"TANTALUS"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 10th inst.

Goods undelivered after the 17th inst. will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 14th inst.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1898. [163

SIEN TING,
SURGEON DENTIST,
No. 10, D'AGUILAR STREET.
TERMS VERY MODERATE.
Consultation Free.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1891. [2198

SHIPPING IN PORT.

HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.

Anora, British steamer, 1,636, Rolfe, Jan. 6, Jardine, Matheson & Co
Astria, Norwegian str., 357, Ellegers, Jan. 4, Lauts, Wegener & Co
Australian, British str., 1,783, Holme, Jan. 5, Gibb, Livingston & Co
Benlarig, British str., 1,453, Wallace, Jan. 9, Gibb, Livingston & Co
Bygdo, Norwegian str., 773, Brekke, Dec. 27, Wieler & Co
Chihli, British str., 1,048, Newcomb, Jan. 9, Butterfield & Swire
Columbia, British steamer, 1,710, Gow, Jan. 3, Dodwell, Carlill & Co
Dagmar, Norw. str., 926, Amundsen, Dec. 22, Harling, Buschmann & Menzell
Daphne, German str., 1,291, Nissen, Dec. 31, Siemssen & Co
Delia, German str., 3,200, Christiansen, Jan. 9, Siemssen & Co
Diomed, British steamer, 3,005, Bartlett, Jan. 1, Butterfield & Swire
Else, German steamer, 903, Petersen, Jan. 3, Jebsen & Co
Empress of China, British str., 3,003, Pybus, Dec. 28, C. P. R. Co
Fatshan, British str., 1,425, J. Dick, H. C. & M. Steamboat Co., for Canton
Gaelic, British steamer, 2,690, Finch, Jan. 5, O. & O. S. S. Co
Haimun, British str., 633, Bathurst, Jan. 9, Douglas Lapraik &